



3rd September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will have received our back to school guide on the 21st August. The guide explained that we will communicate further details around transport once we have information from NYCC and our bus companies.

You will have received a brief text message yesterday explaining that the school buses are running all their pre-covid or normal routes, this includes the paid services that Generation Travel run, the 322 and 323 routes. Unfortunately, our text service limit is 150 characters so I wanted to write to you in more detail.

Government guidance is that where possible, students walk or cycle to school. For our school in a semi-rural location, that guidance is not practical. All secondary schools in Hambleton and Richmond rely on school transport provided by the local authority.

All school bus routes will be running from Monday 7th September for our new Year 7s and Year 12s. All other year groups return to school on Tuesday 8th September with a normal bus service running. Details of the bus routes and the timings can be found on our website Key Information>Transport section.

Face Coverings - All students must wear a face covering on school bus routes. This is because students are mixed outside of their year group pods when using the school buses. We will be operating a zero tolerance approach to students who don't wear their face covering on the school buses. Simply, they won't be allowed to use the service. Protecting the health of our students and the drivers, in addition to reducing the risk of transmission are our priorities. Specific bins for disposal of face masks will be provided; if students have a reusable face covering, they must bring a small sealable plastic bag to store it in.

Embarking/Disembarking - Hand sanitisers are installed on the school buses and students are expected to sanitise their hands as they get on and off the buses. They can of course use their own personal sanitiser. We require students to fill buses from the back and empty from the front to minimise social contact. This means that when leaving school, students should sit in the same seat they used on the way to school, boarding in order of furthest to the nearest bus stop. When buses arrive at school, students must remain seated until the bus door opens. This is to ensure the bus ahead is emptied before students disembark the bus they are on.

Behaviour - It goes without saying that we expect the same standards of behaviour on the school buses that we expect in school. Excellent standards of behaviour and no distractions for the drivers are perhaps more important now than ever; we expect our students to be polite, considerate and respectful of others at all times, as I am sure as parents and carers you do too.





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If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email,
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Yours sincerely

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